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Brave officers receive Medal of Valor

At the Seattle Police Department's 4th Annual Awards Banquet on October 14, exceptional men and women were honored for their valor, heroism and exceptional work. Over 850 employees, family and friends, and members of the community attended a first-class event at the Westin Hotel, sponsored by the Seattle Police Foundation, Costco Wholesale and Wells Fargo.



The Federal Courthouse Team receives their Medal of Valor at the 4th Annual Awards Banquet.

Among the award categories, there were two officers and two teams of officers to receive the Medal of Valor, because they chose to put themselves at great risk so that others may live. Here are their accomplishments.

■ When a man entered the Federal Courthouse on June 20, 2005, carrying a hand grenade and backpack, and quickly breached security by inching his way into a secured area – the Federal Courthouse Team composed

of Det. Scott Kawahara, Ofcs. Tim Pasternak, Bill Collins, Chris Myers, and Mike Coomes – acted as physical barriers between themselves, the suspect and the people who were trying to exit the building. Without hesitation they willingly put themselves in a life-threatening position to save others.

■ Ofc. Erik Salisbury was working off-duty on March 21, 2005, and had heard a domestic violence call involving a suspect holding a 10-month old baby hostage. Having the expertise on the use of long rifle, he felt his expertise was needed. As soon as he arrived at the scene, he was immediately placed in the center of an escalating situation where the suspect continued to hold the infant at knifepoint, and was at times, using the child as a shield. His courage, confidence and skill of actions in assessing and ending an extremely volatile situation saved the life of this 10-month old child.

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Seniors take safe walk with officers

The Seattle Police Department has initiated short walks with seniors in its community policing efforts. The program was introduced by the Southeast Precinct Community Police Team, and is administered by the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department to make seniors feel safe in their neighborhood and improve the health and wellness of seniors.

"The goal is simple," said Lt. James Koutsky. "Make our senior citizens feel safe in their walks and enjoy the

one-on-one conversations, while passing on personal safety tips they can use."

The South Precinct has partnered with the New Holly Community Elder Village Esperanza Apartments, which provides independent housing for residents 62-years and older. The walk takes place at Seward Park, where officers await their arrival and walk with as many seniors they are assigned, ranging usually between four and seven people.



"Our conversations are about their children, and they just love talking about their children," said Officer Ed Haynes, smiling. "The walks give them a sense of security and comfort."

The mission of the Seattle Police Department is to prevent crime, enforce the law and support quality public safety by delivering respectful, professional and dependable police services.

Kerlikowske makes contact with young boxers

When Chief Gil Kerlikowske made a visit to a homemade boxing gym located in the South Park neighborhood, 50 young boxers made it a point to pronounce his name correctly. These boxers had one thing in common: the opportunity to release their energy in a positive and structured environment that would steer them away from trouble – and away from meeting a police officer for the wrong reason.

“Our boxing gym is a positive influence to neighborhood kids,” said Juan Garcia, member of the Seattle Police Department Latino Advisory Council and volunteer administrator of the boxing gym. “The gym is also an intervention program for those on the cusp of setting their foot in the wrong place, kids who sadly have family violence at home, and those who simply having nothing to do.”

Far from the boxing gym featured in the “Million Dollar Baby” blockbuster movie, this gym measures only 3,600-square feet with a clearance of less than 6-feet around the ring, different sized-mirrors mounted on the wall, and second-hand workout equipment, yet with many won trophies openly displayed on white shelves.

“It’s not much – but this is what it is,” adds Garcia. “Thirty families put their love and sweat into making this a better place for our kids and we are proud of what we have, as we make do with what we can get.” Aesthetics aside, their bottom line is that it is one more place in their neighborhood to keep kids away from trouble.

“We are committed to working with our advisory councils, and this may be an opportunity to apply for a



Chief Kerlikowske observes the action in the boxing ring during his summer visit to the South Park neighborhood.

community partnership grant to the Seattle Police Foundation to further improve the facility,” said Chief Kerlikowske. “I want to extend my support to these young boxers in doing the right thing with their free time, and my congratulations to those who have made it to the boxing team.”

In addition to the Latino Advisory Council, the department has nine other councils, namely the African American, East African, Southeast, Korean, Filipino, Native American, Muslim-Arab-Sikhs, including the LGBTQ and youth communities. The groups meet to discuss concerns, recommendations and perspectives from their community, and provide feedback on policies and practices to develop better lines of communication with Seattle Police.

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■ The West Precinct Anti-Crime Team’s (ACT), composed of Sgt. Larry Brotherton, Ofcs. Martin Harris, Daniel Espinoza and James Rodgers, showed valor above and beyond the call of duty on May 14, 2004. While talking with two individuals and working in an area where numerous complaints had been reported, a man suddenly aimed a gun in the direction of these

officers and the two individuals and fired shots at them. Had the West Precinct ACT not reacted, the suspect would have continued to fire his weapon – putting a number of other people in serious risk of being shot and killed.

■ When Ofc. Nick Bauer arrived at an evening disturbance in the Qwest Field parking lot on Saturday,

October 10, 2004, right after the bars had just closed for the night – he saw a fight in progress and saw a suspect with a handgun fire a round. His quick response in being forced to shoot the armed man saved the lives of many people that evening, including the lives of officers who were at the scene, and prevented a much larger tragedy from happening.

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Police and stop sticks end fleeing criminals



Officer Tony Porter demonstrates the use of stop sticks to end fleeing criminals.

Criminals fleeing from the police should think twice, as Seattle Police officers now have the capability to quickly end their journey and catch them on the spot with stop sticks. Stop sticks are safe tire deflation device that officers can easily throw from the side of the road to ensure that a fleeing criminal's tires are punctured and car stopped.

"We have teamed up with the Seattle Police Foundation and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) to make our streets safer for the citizens and officers," said Chief Kerlikowske. "Seattle Police officers are directed to use these sticks to stop cars and catch fleeing criminals."

Originating from a trial program that began in 2002, the stop sticks are now deployed in all Seattle Police cars. Around 950 officers have been trained in the use of stop sticks and all new hires are trained before they hit the streets. Some advantages of the stick are that they deflate tires on virtually all vehicles, are light weight, can be deployed between a 9-foot and 12-foot sleeve, and the retrieval of the stick is effortless. The sticks have hidden spikes, so there is no way for an officer to get cut on the spikes while deploying them.

With the \$60,000 grant received from the Foundation and WTSC, the total cost to the Seattle Police resulted in only \$20,000.

New patrol boat named in honor of fallen officer

On August 11, 2005, the Seattle Police Department dedicated a new patrol boat in honor of Officer Jackson V. Lone, who died in the line of duty while responding to a call on the Lake Union waterway last spring. Breaking the champagne bottle on the bow was perfectly carried out by the wife of fallen Officer Lone. Chief Gil Kerlikowske, Mayor Greg Nickels and Harbor Patrol Lieutenant Dave Emerick accompanied her to the plank.

"It is right to honor Jack Lone with a boat that will serve the city," said Mayor Nickels, who was among the speakers for the ceremony. "Officer Lone was dedicated to the ideal of keeping our waterways safe in these and many other ways."



Jeannie Lone, wife of fallen Harbor Officer Jackson Lone, christens the new patrol boat in her husband's honor.

including the security of government and private vessels while in port along Seattle's waterways. The boat will be stationed between the Harbor Patrol facility and Elliott Bay Marina. The cost of the boat is \$1.153 million, and was funded by the Homeland Security funds.

With a life expectancy of about 30-years, the boat was constructed by Kvichak Marine Industries and designed by Jensen Maritime. It measures 38-ft. in length and has a beam of 14-ft. The boat is powered by twin Caterpillar C-9 engines, rated at 567BPX at 2500 rpm, each with Hamilton 322 water jets for propulsion, which is the chosen combination that provides for excellent maneuverability and top speed

of 30+ knots.

The new boat joins the other nine patrol boats that cover over 200 miles of city shoreline and over 27 square miles of fresh and salt water to protect Seattle residents and visitors, their piers and bridges,

Seattle Police Harbor Patrol Unit is the only police marine unit in the Pacific Northwest that provides a full-time, 24-hour patrol operation.

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Congratulations to all winners *(From Page 4)*

In the category of the Precinct Officers of the Year, the winners are **Tanya Kinney**—Southwest Precinct; **Steve Kaffer** and **Danial Conine**—South Precinct, **Kim Biggs**—East Precinct; **Tom Burns** and **Randall Jokela**—West Precinct; and **Sgt. Dianne Newsom**—North Precinct.

The Community Ambassador winners are **Sgts. Ryan Long** and **Jim Scott**, and **Ofc. Suzanne Parton**. **Det. Heidi Traverso** and **Ofcs. T.J. Berg** are the Outstanding Public Service recipients. **T.J. Berg** is the Field Training Officer of the Year. **Tom Burns** is the Officer of the Year, and **Mel Britt** is the Detective of the Year. **Cathy Wenderoth** receives the award of Civilian of the Year. **Ofcs. Jim Pitts** and **Dave Toner**; **Janet McFarlane**; and **Dick Carr** are winners of the Inspirational Award.

The Innovation Awards go to **Det. Mark Hanf**; the Parking Enforcement Officer Emergency Operation Vehicle Course Training Team composed of **Sgt. Don Smith**; **Ofcs. Jim Brakebill**, **Ed Brillante**, **Randy Robinson**, **Mike Jongma**, and **Danni Crooks**; **PEOs Mat**

Miller, **Andrea Kurosu**, **Frank Mangialardi** and **Michael Eaton**; and the In-Car Camera Project Team, namely, **Lt. Mark Kuehn**, **Ofcs. Dan Kirchmeier**, **Pat Kuehn** and **Bill Alcayaga**, **Karim Miller**, **Bert Bottom**, **Leo Poort**, **Bruce Hills**, **Mike Quinn**, **Dave Chavez**, **Cesar Hidalgo-Landeros**, **Eric Griswold**, and **Sylvia Shiroyama**.

The Excellence Awards go to **Colette Alberts**; **Sgt. Steve Ameden**; **Ofc. Kim Biggs**; **Det. Pilar Curtis**; **Kathy Hogan**; **Ofc. Ben Hughey**; **Det. Todd Jakobsen**; **Ofc. Kevin Jones**; **Ofc. Elizabeth Litalien**; **Francisco Tello**; **Mimi Walsh**; **Sue Yamaguchi-Wong**; and the Field Training Officer Unit composed of **Sgt. Barb Wilson**, **Ofc. Virgil McDonald**, and **Nancy Lenz**.

The following three teams received the Impact Award: 1) West Precinct Team – **Ofcs. Tom Weaver**, **Rick Nelson** and **Steve Rice**; Jungle Team – **Sgt. Cindy Granard**, **Ofcs. Mike Alphin**, **Tim Liston**, **Brian Hansen** and **Lauren Givens**; and Disabled Placard Team – **PEOs Aaron Pason**, **Ross Leonard**, **Mike Miller**, **Mike Martin**, **Jane Hell**, and **Sally Haubert**.



The presentation of colors by the Seattle Police Honor Guard.



Over 850 employees and members of the community attend the ceremony.



Chief Kerlikowske delivers remarks, as Pat Cashman, master of ceremony, looks on.

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